

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 were pending prior to this response. With this amendment and response, claims 2-30 and 38-54 are withdrawn as non-elected claims. Claims 1, and 31-37 are provided herewith as previously presented.

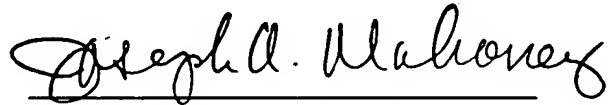
The Examiner requires election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits between Species A (Figs. 1a-1e), Species B (Figs. 2a-2c), Species C (Figs. 3a-3c), Species D (Figs. 4a-4c), Species E (Figs. 5a-5d), Species F (Figs. 6a-6b), Species G (Figs. 7a-7c), Species H (Fig. 8), Species I (Fig. 9), Species J (Figs. 10a-10c), Species K (Fig. 11), Species L (Figs. 12a-12b), Species M (Fig. 13), Species N (Figs. 14a-14b), Species O (Fig. 15), Species P (Fig. 16) Species Q (Figs. 17a-17b), Species R (Figs. 18a-18b), and Species S (Fig. 19). Applicant hereby elects to pursue Fig. 19 (Species S), without traverse. Claims readable on the elected species of Fig. 19 include claims 1 and 31-37.

Although Applicant believes that claim 1 is generic, Fig. 19 (Species S) is elected to advance prosecution. Claims 2-30 and 38-54 provide further detail for the essential elements of the site guard of claim 1. Dependent claims 2-30 and 38-54 (Species A-R) are but different definitions of the same disclosed subject matter, varying in breadth or scope of definition. MPEP § 806.03 and § 805.04(b). Further, claims 2-30 and 38-54 are not mutually exclusive to the disclosed species. MPEP § 806.04(f). Thus, Applicant reserves the right to argue rejoinder of the non-elected species during prosecution upon allowance of a generic claim.

The foregoing election is made without prejudice to Applicant's right to claim the subject matter of all non-elected claims in this or any related application.

No new matter is added and no change in inventorship is believed to result from the amendments proposed herein. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the proposed arguments and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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